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A RENAISSANCE MEDIA ZONE PRODUCTION



Kingdom Shocked As Queen Runs Off With Bat Boy!

IT WAS A DARK STARLESS NIGHT WHEN THE QUEEN SNUCK OUT OF THE CASTLE. A GUARD FOLLOWED HER ONLY TO FIND THAT SHE WAS HEADED FOR A SECRET RENDEZVOUS WITH HER NEW "BELOVED," WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BAT BOY. WHEN THE QUEEN NOTICED SHE HAD BEEN FOLLOWED BY THE GUARD, SHE AND BAT BOY RAN, AND THEN FLEW SOUTH. THEY WERE LONG GONE BY THE TIME THE GUARD COULD GET HELP.

BAT BOY AND THE QUEEN HAD MET WHEN HE WAS HIRED ON SEVEN YEARS AGO TO CLEAN THE ROYAL SWIMMING POOL. MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL COURT HAD NOTICED THE WAY HE WOULD GAZE LONGINGLY AT THE QUEEN, BUT THOUGHT NOTHING OF IT AS SHE HAD MANY ADMIRERS. "HE WAS A MODEL EMPLOYEE," SAID THE KING, "I WOULD NEVER HAVE EXPECTED THIS...WELL, AT LEAST NOT FROM HIM. WE ALL THOUGHT SHE WOULD RUN OFF WITH HER PERSONAL TRAINER. AH WELL, AT LEAST SHE IS HAPPY, AND THAT IS WHAT MATTERS MOST, ALTHOUGH I AM A BIT LONELY..."

THE QUEEN LEFT A NOTE THAT SIMPLY SAID, "LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED. PS- I'LL SEND YOU A POST CARD WHEN I GET TO BORA BORA."

NOW THE QUESTION REMAINS: WITH THE LINE OF WOMEN WAITING TO TAKE HER PLACE, HOW LONG WILL THE KING STAY SINGLE?

STORY BY LUCY

Black Nose Syndrome and Black Plague What the apothecaries don't want you to know

AH, AUGUST IN OUR FAIR KINGDOM. THE BIRDS ARE SINGING, THE AIR IS WARM, AND THE AIR IS BUZZING. HOWEVER, WITH THE FESTIVAL SEASON APPROACHING OUR KINGDOM THERE IS ONE ALIMENT THAT SEEMS TO OVERTAKE THE KINGDOM WITH GREAT FORCE EACH YEAR: BLACK NOSE SYNDROME.

TYPICAL SYMPTOMS OF BLACK NOSE SYNDROME INCLUDE, WELL...HOW DO YOU PUT THIS WITHOUT SEEMING RUDE? A BLACKENED HANKY AFTER A SNEEZE. CHILDREN'S FINGERTIPS BLACKENED AFTER PICKING THEIR NOSES. THERE IS REALLY NO RIGHT WAY TO PUT IT.

WHY ARE WE STRUCK DOWN BY THIS DISGUSTING PHENOMENON EACH YEAR? THIS REPORTER WANTED TO FIND OUT. AFTER TALKING WITH A FEW APOTHECARIES OF THE REALM, RESULTS WERE INCONCLUSIVE. MANY BANTERED ON TO THEMSELVES ABOUT SOME POTION THEY'D JUST MADE. ONE YOUNGER LAD COMMENTED THAT "DUST" COULD BE THE CAUSE.

RIDICULOUS! DUST CAUSING ALL THIS?

AFTER GOING UNDER COVER, HOWEVER...THERE SEEMS TO BE FAR TOO MANY SIMILARITIES BETWEEN BLACK NOSE SYNDROME AND THE BLACK PLAGUE. OF COURSE THE APOTHECARIES WERE UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON THIS MATTER.

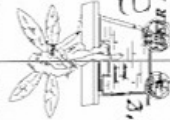
THINK ON THIS; BOTH DISEASES HAVE "BLACK" IN THEIR NAMES, BOTH ARE RATHER OBNOXIOUS AND AFFECT A LARGE PORTION OF THE KINGDOM (OR HAVE...THE BLACK PLAGUE SEEMS TO BE ON THE DECLINE THIS YEAR), AND BOTH HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO CAUSE HACKING AND WHEEZING.

NOW, AFTER MUCH RESEARCH FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE RENAISSANCE MEDIA ZONE WE HAVE DRAWN A CONCLUSION. THIS IS ALL A PLOT, BUT BY WHO?

WELL, WHAT ELSE AFFECTS A LARGE PORTION OF OUR KINGDOM? THE FRENCH WHO ELSE CAN BE FOUND HACKING AND WHEEZING (OR AT LEAST SOUNDING THAT WAY WHEN THEY TALK)? IT IS OUR BELIEF, THAT THE FRENCH ARE SOMEHOW USING THIS "BLACK NOSE SYNDROME" TO TURN EVERYONE FRENCH!

SO, PLEASE...TAKE PRECAUTION DURING THIS FESTIVAL SEASON, IF YOU SHOULD FEEL YOURSELF COMING DOWN WITH THIS ALIMENT, SEEK OUT YOUR LOCAL APOTHECARY FOR TREATMENT, BUT NOT BEFORE YOU SEEK OUT YOUR REPORTERS AT THE RENAISSANCE MEDIA ZONE FIRST. **STORY BY PRUDENCE**

Courtesy



Folk
Prudence

It's a BRAND NEW FESTIVAL! I'M REALLY
EXCITED AND THINKING OF TRYING A NEW "LOOK" THIS YEAR, HAVE
YOU ANY RECOMMENDATIONS? -DIRTY PEASANT

faire-folk.

ADVICE FROM PRUDENCE, LUCY, AND SADIE

Bear Prudence

PRUDENCE SAYS: I HEAR "CLEAN" IS THE NEW "DIRTY" THIS YEAR. IT'S A BIT MORE UPKEP THEN THE DIRTY LOOK HOWEVER. MY RECOMMENDATION: FIRST MAKE SURE YOU'RE BATHING ONCE A WEEK. I KNOW THAT MAY SEEM LIKE A LOT, BUT IT WILL HELP WITH YOUR DESIRED NEW LOOK. SECOND; AND THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT: SOAP. SOAP WILL BE YOUR MOST FAVORED POSSESSION IN ACHIEVING THIS NEW LOOK. IT'S QUITE SIMPLE TO USE TOO, JUST LATHER, RINSE AND REPEAT. I HOPE THIS HELPS, I PERSONALLY LOOK FORWARD TO THIS NEW TREND IN THE KINGDOM!

LUCY SAYS: ACCESSORIZE! MAKE A STATEMENT WITH FUR COATS AND FEATHER BOAS! TRY A NEW SHADE OF EYE LINER. ADD SOME BLING TO YOUR LOOK WITH SHINY NECKLACES AND RINGS.....

OH, WAIT....YOU'RE A PEASANT. WELL, YOU COULD TRY PARTING YOUR HAIR ON THE OTHER SIDE!

SADIE SAYS: LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING, ALTHOUGH MOST PEOPLE CAN'T SEEM TO GET PAST THEM. A VERY WISE MAN ONCE SAID, "WHEN YOU'VE SEEN BEYOND YOURSELF THEN YOU MAY FIND PEACE OF MIND IS WAITING THERE, AND THE TIME WILL COME WHEN YOU SEE WE'RE ALL ONE, AND LIFE FLOWS ON WITHIN YOU AND WITHOUT YOU." IN OTHER WORDS, JUST GO WITH IT! IN THE END YOU WILL FIND MUCH HAPPINESS.

Funnies

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I HEER DER IS JOB OPNING,
I HEER TO APPLY.
I CAN HAZ KINDOM NOW, PLZ?

Classifieds

REFORMER ISO SOULS TO SAVE: MEET AT THE WEDDING CHAPEL ON SUNDAYS.
THE GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL (PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICE) IS AT
10:00 AM. CELTIC COMPLINE (EVENING PRAYER) IS AT 6:00 PM

SINGLE PEASANT FEMALE ISO RICH OLD MAN WITH FAILING HEALTH: FOR
MARRIAGE.

PERFORMERS ISO AUDIENCE: PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO US.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY FOR US? PLEASE SEND IT TO
RENAISSANCEMEDIAZONE VIA HOTMAIL OR FIND US IN THE BOOK OF FACES.